

REMARKS

In the instant amendment, the pending claims, i.e., claims 1-5 and 7-21, have been cancelled without prejudice to Applicants' right to pursue the subject matter of the canceled claims in subsequent applications, and have been replaced by new claims 22-53. After entry of the instant amendment, claims 22-53 will be pending and under consideration.

New claims 22-53 are fully supported by the specification and claims as originally filed. No new matter has been introduced by the amendment.

Support for new claim 22 may be found, for example, page 6, lines 5-11, page 7, lines 12-16, page 17, lines 3-20, and claim 1 as originally filed. Claims 23-37 depend from claim 22.

Claim 23 is supported by the specification, for example, on page 6, lines 8-11.

Claim 24 is supported, for example, by claim 4 as originally filed.

Claims 25-28 are supported by claims 7-10, respectively, as originally filed.

Support for new claim 29 may be found on page 5, lines 7-8 and page 9, lines 11-13, for example.

Claims 30-33 are supported by the specification, for example, on page 5, lines 18-24, and claim 11 as originally filed.

Claims 34-36 are supported by the specification, for example, on page 6, lines 1-3, and claim 12 as original filed.

Support for claims 37 and 38 may be found, for example, in the specification on page 21, lines 4-7, and page 25, line 17, to page 26, line 9, and claim 14 as originally filed.

Support for claim 39 is found, for example, in the specification at page 2, lines 15-21, page 26, line 10, to page 27, line 17, and claim 3 as originally filed.

Claim 40 is supported, for example, in specification at page 26, line 10, to page 27, line 17, and the claims as originally filed.

Claim 41 is supported by claim 14 as originally filed.

Claims 42 and 43 are supported by claims are supported by claims 15 and 16 as originally filed.

Claim 44 is supported by the specification, for example, on page 5, lines 11-14, and claim 17 as originally filed.

Claim 45 is supported by the specification, for example, on page 5, lines 14-17, and claim 18 as originally filed.

Support for new claim 46 may be found on page 5, lines 7-8 and page 9, lines 11-13, for example.

Claims 47-50 are supported, for example, on page 5, lines 18-24, of the specification, and claim 19 as originally filed.

Claims 51-53 are supported by the specification, for example, on page 6, lines 1-3, and claim 20 as originally filed.

Entry of the instant amendment is kindly requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider this application with a view towards allowance. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney if a telephone call could help resolve any remaining items.

Respectfully submitted,

PENNIE & EDMONDS LLP

Date: April 4, 2003

By: Nikolaos C. George

Nikolaos C. George
Reg. No.: 39,201